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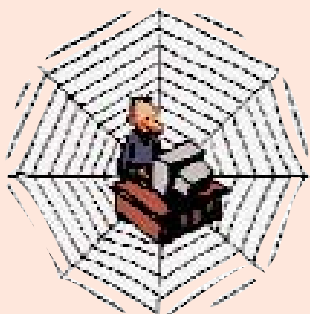
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Remembering life



Sun Herald photo by John Fitzhugh

Airman 1st Class George Brooks, 81st Medical Support Squadron, posts a paper star in memory of his grandfather, Lee Brooks, who recently died of cancer. Airman Brooks

participated in Friday's American Cancer Society Relay for Life at Biloxi Town Green. Keesler's 14 teams raised about \$20,000, half of the total proceeds from the overnight relay.

New civilian personnel system delayed

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The first phase of the Defense Department's new National Security Personnel System has been adjusted slightly, to later in the fiscal year, NSPS officials said Tuesday.

The Defense Department will work with the Office of Personnel Management to adjust the proposed NSPS regulation based on public comments and the meet-and-confer process with employee representatives, said Mary Lacey, NSPS program executive officer.

These revisions will be published in the Federal Register later this summer, and implementation of NSPS could begin 30 days after the publication. However,

"We are not going to implement it until we are ready."

— Mr. Abell

officials stressed that the start date is "event driven" and that implementing instructions must be in place and training must be under way before the system gets rolled out.

Officials had hoped to begin the first phase of the rollout, called Spiral One, July 1, but said all along that the launch date could change.

"That (implementation) date is flexible, because we are not going to implement it until we are ready," said Charles Abell, principal deputy under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

NSPS officials said the labor relations part of the program is now expected to begin by September, followed by the performance management element of the human resources system early in fiscal 2006.

All civilian employees will receive the 2006 general pay increase before the pay-for-performance provisions of NSPS begin, officials said.

Spiral One, which will initially affect

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COMMENTARY

Keesler offers many avenues to prevent common illnesses

By Col. (Dr.) Thomas O'Donnell

81st Medical Operations Squadron commander

Several years ago I visited a hospital in Dakar, Senegal, while on a deployment.

I had the opportunity to tour several wards full of patients who had ravaging diseases such as tetanus and polio — illnesses we simply don't see in the United States because of routine immunizations.

Although professionally fascinating, I would prefer to only read about these diseases in textbooks rather than see them actually affecting patients.

There are wide varieties of preventive medicine programs available at Keesler, and there's a wide range of initiatives aimed at improving long-term health.

The military medical system is uniquely poised to encourage both the prevention of medical problems as well as optimal management to try to prevent the complications of diseases.

The internal medicine clinic runs a diabetic education clinic to optimize the treatment of diabetes and to try to decrease the incidence of complications affecting the feet, eyes and other organs.

The lipid clinic aims to control high cholesterol and triglyceride levels to prevent complications affecting the heart and blood vessels.

The immunization program is a building block for healthy communities and has drastically decreased the incidence of multiple diseases which were associated with significant suffering and sometimes death.

The threat of tobacco use to health continues to be emphasized by new findings relating cigarette use to widely diverse problems such as heart disease, cancer, lung disease and macular degeneration of the eye.

The family practice clinic works with the health and wellness center to provide smoking cessation classes.

It's hard to keep up your push-ups with a sore shoulder or to run with an injured foot.

The HAWC offers programs to reduce athletic injuries associated with the fitness program and advice on choosing the correct type of running shoes.

Stress is a major player in schedules filled with short-notice taskers, deployments, inspections and the everyday demands of the office. Stress management classes are available to help deal with our demanding schedules.

The HAWC also offers a "sensible weigh" program for weight loss and maintenance focusing on proper nutrition, portion sizes, reading food labels, healthy cooking, behavior modification and exercise.

Preventive health assessments, which have replaced the old physical exam program, are centered on identifying health risks and trying to be proactive in improving health-related behavior for active duty members.

The occupational medicine efforts by family medicine and aerospace medicine, which identify health risks in the workplace, are designed to prevent injury and keep the workforce healthy. An example is the hearing exams designed to identify hearing loss early and to provide protective equipment to avoid additional hearing difficulties.

We are called on to meet unique demands in the Air Force, especially with the current ongoing operations in the Middle East. We are also offered a strong support system to help us meet the challenging environment we live in and maintain the health and fitness, which is key to our success.

Your primary care team and the health and wellness center are great places to find out about the many programs offered to keep you in top shape. Please take advantage of the many opportunities available to maximize your health and enjoyment of life.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. William Lord

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357 or by writing to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, or e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

Reserved parking spot removed

Comment — I work in the telephone maintenance work center. We maintain and support a telephone switch within the medical center and visit the medical center daily for maintenance. We'd been using the vacant parking slots in the service area for our government vehicles whenever we had a work request until a reserve parking sign was placed on a vacant slot. How can a designated vacant slot in a service area be reserved for a personal vehicle when GOVs need to park there for official business?

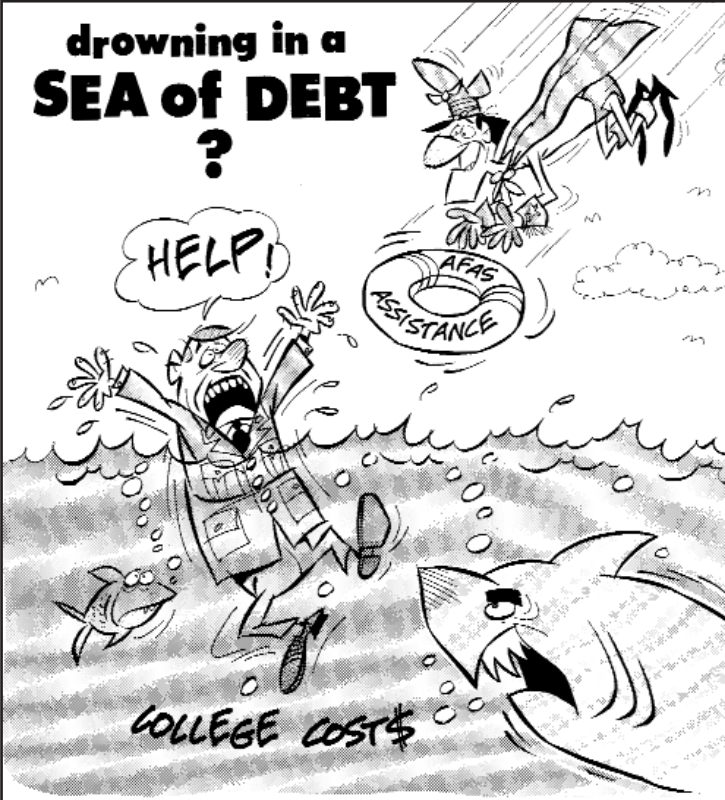
Response — After reviewing the medical parking plan, it was identified that the space wasn't intended to be a spot reserved for any individual within the organization — it was meant to be used by contract personnel working in the building. The reserved parking sign has been removed and the spot remains open to any individuals who wish to park there, but they may be requested to move their vehicle if a contractor needs to create a safe perimeter for their work crew, and attempt to eliminate unnecessary damage to a POV or GOV.

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Keesler marks 64 years of training warriors

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

Keesler has been training warriors since before there was an Air Force. Sunday, the base turns 64, making it more than six years older than the service to which it belongs.

In more than six decades, Keesler has trained more than two million American and foreign military people in a broad range of subjects and disciplines.

June 12, 1941, the original 832-acre site was officially designated Air Corps Station No. 8, Aviation Mechanics School, Biloxi, Miss. Before the land was transferred to the Army Air Corps by the City of Biloxi and Veterans Administration, it was known as the Biloxi Country Club. Actually, the area included not only three golf courses, but the Biloxi airport, a baseball park used by the Washington Senators major league baseball team for spring training, the Naval Reserve Park and some private property.

Later that June, the War Department renamed the new base Keesler Field in honor of 2nd Lt. Samuel Keesler, a native of Greenwood, Miss., who died behind German lines after being shot down in air combat with four enemy aircraft in the last months of World War I.

Originally, the base's mission was training aircraft mechanics. But the first threads of change which have marked the base's history were being spun even before Keesler was activated. Basic training was added and the first 12 recruits arrived Aug. 12. They were followed Sept. 20 by the first class of about 800 aircraft mechanic students.

More than 7,000 troops were in basic training and another 4,000 in aircraft mechanics school when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, bringing the United States into World War II.

During the war, 336,000 recruits and 142,000 aircraft mechanics were trained here. Most B-24 mechanics stationed throughout the several theaters of war — Europe, Africa, the Far East and Pacific — received their training in Keesler classrooms.

Many pilots forced to ditch in the Pacific Ocean owed their lives to OA-10A amphibian aircrews graduated from the air-sea rescue school here. Chemical warfare training was also conducted at Keesler during the war,



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Nonprior service students from the 335th Training Squadron march back to their dormitory after class June 2.

and shortly after it ended, the world's first rotary wing school for helicopter mechanics opened here.

In 1943, Keesler's first detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps — WACS — arrived to fill administrative and clerical positions. In the same year, the training of U.S. allies' military people was introduced. This program continues today, with as many as 100 students at a time from more than 50 nations receiving personnel, administrative and electronics training here.

The installation that would become known as the "Electronics and Computer Training Center for the Air Force" moved from aircraft mechanic to electronics training in 1947, the year the Air Force became a separate service. The new service first moved its radar school from Boca Raton, Fla., to Keesler, and then elements of its communications and electronics courses from Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Eventually, these courses evolved into ground and airborne communications-electronics maintenance and operator training, and air traffic control courses. Then came the semi-automatic ground environment air defense system that made the digital computer a central feature of Keesler's electronics training program.

In 1967, flying training came to Keesler under the Military Assistance Program. Over the next six years, about 800 South Vietnamese pilots earned their wings in T-28s here before advancing to jet fighters.

Another new training mission arrived in 1968 — personnel and administration courses, previously taught at Amarillo AFB, Texas. In 1972, when the Air Force became the manager for all training in the Defense Department's worldwide military command and control system, Keesler people taught programs here and at sites around the globe.

Pilot training ended in 1973, then resumed two decades later with the activation of the 45th Airlift Squadron. Originally, the squadron trained pilots on both C-12 and C-21 aircraft, but the C-12 mission departed as the decade ended.

From 1973 into the 1990s, flying activity at Keesler centered around three associate units: 403rd Wing of the Air Force Reserve, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron and 7th Airborne Command and Control Squadron. The 7th ACCS is gone now. The 53rd WRS — Hurricane Hunters — was deactivated as an active-duty unit in 1991 and reappeared as an arm of the 403rd Wing two years later. The reservists also operate the 815th Airlift Squadron, a transport unit.

Keesler is also host to elements of other Air Force and Department of Defense organizations. The most familiar of these are the base exchange (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) and commissary (Defense Commissary Agency).

Growing in numbers and visibility in the 1990s were the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard,

reflecting the increasing emphasis on joint military training and operations in the wake of downsizing. The Army Training Detachment was deactivated three years ago.

Downsizing ... Keesler has taken some losses, but the overall effect here has been growth. Keesler produces 38,000 graduates annually in more than 460 courses in technical subjects such as electronics, medical, airport management, weather forecasting and air traffic control.

In 1993, the First Sergeant Academy and chapel service support and paralegal specialist schools left Keesler, but the base gained more than two dozen courses and hundreds of military and civilian employees from the closures of Chanute AFB, Ill., and Lowry AFB, Ill. These are in addition to the "upsizing" effects of locating 2nd Air Force headquarters here, the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard presence, and C-21 aircrew training.

Keesler now covers more than 1,500 acres valued at more than \$200 million. About 14,500 military and civilian employees work and train here. Nearly that many more military family members call Keesler home, and more than 11,000 military retirees frequent the base for a variety of services.

The modernization of dormitory, dining and support facilities for training continues.

In the past year, new technical training facilities replaced Thomson Hall, at a cost of \$20.4 million, and Cody Hall, at a cost of \$23.5 million. A new \$4.6 million AAFES mini-mall now serves customers in the Triangle, and the eighth new dormitory for non-prior service students was completed.

A youth activities center expansion was finished this year, as well as new maintenance and fuel hangars for the 403rd Wing and a new vehicle operations facility for the 738th Engineering Installation Squadron.

A variety of other construction projects are either in progress or on the drawing board, as are improvements to living, working and recreational conditions.

One thing hasn't changed in 64 years — Keesler's mission: Training warriors.

Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.



Ms. Austin



Ms. Bocek

African-American group awards five scholarships

By Senior Airman Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Five winners of Col. Lawrence Roberts scholarships were honored at the African-American Heritage Committee awards luncheon May 27.

Colonel Roberts, who died last year, was a Tuskegee Airman, part of a group of African-Americans who enlisted in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He formerly commanded Keesler's supply and maintenance group.

Recipients are:

Francesca Austin, Gautier High School, daughter of Dr. Myrtis and Frank Austin, plans to attend Dillard University in New Orleans and major in pre-medicine.

Christine Bocek, St. Martin High School in Ocean Springs, daughter of Julie Bocek, 81st Training Group, and retired Senior Master Sgt. Tom Bocek. She works in the base legal office and plans to earn a law degree at the University of Mississippi.

Natasha Johnson, Harrison Central High School, daughter of Dorothy Johnson, 81st Medical Support Squadron, and Terry Johnson, will attend Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in the pre-pharmacy program.

Christina Phillips, Biloxi High School, daughter of Beverly and Master Sgt. Richard Phillips, 81st Training Group, plans to major in advertising at Florida State University.

Tenikka Sanders, Biloxi High School, daughter of Paula and Master Sgt. Gary Sanders, 81st Training Support Squadron, will major in



Ms. Johnson



Ms. Phillips



Ms. Sanders

psychology at Jackson State University.

The AAHC raises funds throughout the year to provide the \$1,000 scholarships.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

New program

A technical training adviser from the University of West Florida's Biloxi/Gulfport campus is available for consultations, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Sablich Center's first floor main hallway.

UWF is launching a new information technology program.

For more information, call Pat Taylor, 1-800-368-2315.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's drill down competitions alternate with non-prior service student parades behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Drill downs are 8 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Aug. 12 and Oct. 7. The annual championship is 8 a.m. Dec. 2.

Student parades are 7 p.m. July 28 and Nov. 17. The September parade date hasn't been scheduled.

For information on student parades, call Tech. Sgt. Charles Veillon, 377-2789. For informa-

tion on drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103.

USM online

For online courses through the University of Southern Mississippi, go to <http://www.usm.edu> or call 377-2309.

Classes for spouses

The Air Force Aid Society is funding an education class for non-military spouses of active-duty Air Force members at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Keesler Center.

The course, 9 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays July 11-Aug. 3, covers keyboard and computer screen terms, Microsoft Word I and II, EXCEL I and II, resume writing, customer service and basic office practices.

Applications are available in Room 112, Sablich Center, or in the transition employment opportunities public folder. The deadline is 4 p.m. June 23.

For more information, call 377-2179.

Homosexual awareness

Homosexual awareness training is scheduled for 9 a.m. every other month in the Sablich Center auditorium.

The dates: June 23, Aug. 18, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15.

Civilian tuition aid

Keesler civilian employees are eligible for college tuition assistance.

Courses must be Air Force mission- or job-related and taken through a regionally or nationally accredited college or university.

Required forms are available at the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center.

For more information, call 377-2323.

Troops to Teachers

For general information on Troops to Teachers, visit <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/ttt/index2.htm>.

For information on Mississippi Troops to Teachers, call Chris Carey, 1-800-MISS-TEACH.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Keesler-trained combat controllers killed in Iraqi training mission

By Airman 1st Class
Sarah Stegman

Keesler News staff

Three Airmen trained in the 334th Training Squadron were killed May 30 in a crash of an Iraqi air force aircraft during a training mission in the eastern Diyala province.

Cpts. Jeremy Fresques and Derek Argel and Staff Sgt. Casey Crate, assigned to the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla., all went through combat controller training at Keesler.

Captain Fresques, 26, a Farmington, N.M. native, entered the Air Force in 2001 after attending the Air Force Academy. After completing the airfield operations officer course, he became a special tactics officer in 2002.

Captain Fresques served as the assistant leader for Hurlburt's Silver Team.

His wife, Lindsey, also a captain, taught in the 334th TRS and is now airfield operations flight commander at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. They were married in March 2004.

Captain Argel, 28, a San Jose, Calif., native, earned his commission from the Air Force Academy in 2001.

While Captain Argel was still in training, Airman Magazine featured the career field's training and he compared being a combat controller to a being a football player who practices for a championship game.

"After two years of being equipped with tools, we want to use them in the game," he said. "To be able to defend our country using our training would be unbelievable."

While at Keesler, then-2nd Lt. Argel's instructors noticed he wasn't being challenged enough physically, so they made him tote a large tree stump throughout the course. His Keesler instructors made sure the stump followed him to Hurlburt for advanced training.

After graduating from the



Photo by Airman 1st Class Kimberly Batts

Col. Kenneth Rodriguez, 720th Special Tactics Group commander, presents a Bronze Star posthumously to Captain Fresques' wife, Lindsey.



Photo by Master Sgt. Lance Cheung

Then-2nd Lt. Argel treads water holding a stump to challenge him during the water confidence segment of advanced skills training at Hurlburt.

special tactics pipeline, he was assigned to the Silver Team at Hurlburt.

Both captains earned the the Bronze Star Medal with valor, Air Force Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Medal.

Sergeant Crate, 26, grew up in Spanaway, Wash. He graduated from Spanaway Lake High School in 1996 and attended Pierce College before enlisting in 1998.

After basic and technical

training, he was assigned to the 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Hurlburt. Three years ago, he began the transition to become a combat controller.

His mother, Linda Crate, recalled the conversation she and her son had once he made his decision.

"He said, 'Mom, I want to go into the Special Forces — I want to be a combat controller,'" she said. "I said, 'Oh, Casey! Isn't four years enough?' But it was in his heart. It's what he wanted to do. He excelled at it."

The three Airmen were honored at a June 3 memorial service at Hurlburt.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.

Maj. William Downs, a 6th Special Operations Squadron pilot, and an Iraqi pilot were also killed.

Capt. Tom Knowles, Hurlburt Field Public Affairs, and Air Force Special Operations Command Public Affairs contributed to this report.

IN THE NEWS

A-76 town hall meeting

The next A-76 town hall meeting is 3 p.m. June 14 in the Sablich Center Auditorium.

Contraband court martial

Air Force Print News

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Maj. Gregory McMillion, 728th Air Control Squadron, was sentenced to confinement for one year and dismissal from active duty in a general court martial May 20.

The major was found guilty of violating a lawful general order; failure to give notice and turn over to proper authority without delay captured or abandoned property; and wrongfully and dishonorably directing subordinates to help ship home the captured or abandoned property, and not guilty of giving an official statement with the intent to deceive.

After a deployment to Iraq in 2003, 728th ACS Airmen unpacked several crates containing Iraqi AK-47s, rocket-propelled grenade launchers, uniforms, inert landmines, rifles, knives and bayonets. Witnesses said Major McMillion gave orders to set the crates aside until he returned from the deployment.

New commander for AAFES

AAFES News Service

DALLAS — Air Force Maj. Gen. Bill Essex assumed command of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Wednesday.

As AAFES' chief executive officer, General Essex is responsible for more than 3,100 facilities in more than 30 countries, five U.S. territories and 50 states. The \$8.3 billion retail, food and services organization provides support to 11.5 million authorized customers.

Air Force launches 'AF eMail'

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force has launched the first phase of AF eMail, also known as eMail-for-Life, a single, static e-mail address that won't change during the career of an Airman or Air Force civilian employee.

"At any given time, we can only reliably connect and communicate with 79 percent of our force through e-mail," said Capt. Kirk Phillips, Air Force Senior Leader Management Office information technology division chief. "Not only is there a huge potential for Air Force cost avoidance, but mission support will be greatly enhanced by empowering every member to reliably connect and communicate with each other without worry about changing e-mail addresses every couple of years."

Officials said they plan for the Air Force to be fully capable under AF eMail by 2007.

No Keesler News July 7

By contract, the Keesler News publishes 49 issues in the calendar year.

The first of three weeks in which the base newspaper isn't published this year is July 4-8, the week the Independence Day federal holiday is observed. The other two weeks are the weeks in which the Christmas and New Year's federal holidays occur.

The newspaper office is closed July 4 in observance of the holiday. Publication resumes with the July 14 issue.

Doing her duty



Staff Sgt. Shannon Bryington, 81st Dental Squadron, was named security escort of the month for May at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, where's she's currently deployed. Her husband is Staff Sgt. Jeffery Bryington, 81st DS.

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60,000 employees, will eventually include about 300,000 U.S.-based Army, Navy, Air Force and DOD-agency civilian employees and managers.

After that, the system will be introduced incrementally over the next two or three years until all 700,000 eligible DOD civilian employees are included. The system will be upgraded and improved as it goes forward, officials said.

NSPS is one of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's key initiatives designed to transform DOD operations to better meet 21st-century needs. It replaces an outmoded, 50-year-old civilian personnel management system that had rewarded employees for longevity, he said.

Instead, the new system incorporates a performance-based pay system in tandem with a restructuring of the civilian work force to better

Paperless transition completed for emergency data cards

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — After decades of Airmen updating emergency contact information in their personnel records, everyone is now required to update the information online rather than visiting their military personnel flights.

Personnel flight officials are no longer required to print and file a paper copy of the Virtual Record of Emergency Data form in each Airman's personnel records, officials said. The paperless form provides the Air Force with information needed to contact family members if an Airman suffers a serious illness or injury, or dies while on active duty.

The vRED, which replaced Department of Defense Form 93, Record of Emergency Data in 2003, is required to be kept updated by each Airman. Now the only way to update an Airman's emergency data is by visiting the virtual MPF online.

Airmen who don't have access to a vMPF account, such as new accessions or basic trainees, must still complete a DD Form 93 until they establish an online account, said Maj. Yancey Cowen, chief of the casualty services

branch at the Air Force Personnel Center.

"The biggest advantage is convenience for the customer," he said. "Airmen won't have to stand in line at the MPF to make simple changes to their contact information."

Airmen are required to keep their vREDs current at all times and review their contact data at least annually, Major Cowen said. Also, every Airman must review his or her vRED during inprocessing and before all deployments.

"Accurate and current family contact information can prevent delays in notifications and perhaps benefits for Airmen and family members," Major Cowen said.

Personnel officials encourage all active-duty Airmen, guardsmen and reservists to update their information every six months. Civil service employees are also encouraged to update their virtual Emergency Data System contact information as needed for the same reasons.

The online applications take about 15 minutes to complete.

For more information, visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/> to log into vMPF or to establish an account.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Editor’s note: This column is a service of the the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron’s military and civilian personnel flights.

Testing change for chief promotion

Military personnel flight

Beginning this year, senior master sergeants competing for promotion to chief master sergeant take the Air Force’s supervisory examination during the second week of September.

For the 05E9 cycle, the testing window is Sept. 13-16.

Testing is no longer conducted directly after Labor Day.

For more information, call 377-4361 or 7205.

Deployment checklist

Physical condition — Pursue a regular exercise program of cardiovascular, strength, flexibility and endurance training. If your shots aren’t up to date, call immunizations, 377-6543.

Training requirements — See your unit deployment manager for these training schedules: chemical warfare, combat arms, self aid and buddy care. Update your training records.

Deployment documents — For current uniform identification cards, visit or call pass and registration, Room 124, Sablich Center, 377-3893. For current dog tags, visit or call the military personnel flight, Room 127, Sablich Center, 377-7107. For current Geneva Convention cards for medical personnel or chaplains, see your unit deployment manager or visit or call the 81st Mission Support Squadron, Room 125, Sablich Center, 377-2276. Have a copy of your current leave and earnings statement.

Your bags — Pack personal/mobility bag, tools and team equipment/cargo.

Family concerns — To process wills and powers of attorney, visit or call the legal office, Room 227, Sablich Center, 377-3510. If you and your spouse are both vulnerable to deploy, prepare a dependent care statement, Air Force Form 357. For a family readiness plan, visit or call the family support center, Room 130, Sablich Center, 377-8628.

Out-process in uniform

Military members are required to be in uniform when reporting to the military personnel flight for permanent change-of-station, separation or retirement out-processing briefings.

For more information, call military personnel flight outbound assignments, 377-2244.

Officer promotion orders

Effective immediately, Air Force Personnel Center no longer transmits officer promotion orders to military personnel flights for distribution to officers due to the “Quick Win” initiative to reduce MPF workloads.

Officer promotion orders are distributed prior to the effective date of promotion, therefore the new policy doesn’t affect receipt of promotion orders or the ceremony. For more information, call 377-3895, or email lashawndra.singleton@keesler.af.mil.

Mailing care packages

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service and Military Postal Service Agency process mail for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. A letter takes seven to 14 days and a package 14-24 days.

For more information, call 1-800-275-8777 or visit <http://www.usps.com>.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Phyllis Banks uses a spray nozzle on a watering hose to conserve water while watering her flowers. She's the wife of Maj. Toney Banks, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

Water conservation Reduce strain on base's aging system

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Even though Biloxi's Back Bay borders Keesler to the north and the Mississippi Sound is only two blocks to the south, water is always a precious commodity for the base.

"Water conservation should be a way of life for Keesler, especially during the summer months," said Sam Wall, a civil engineer with the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

"As we move into the summer months, we want to control excess water use that could put unnecessary strain on our operational wells."

Keesler's average winter water usage of 2.5 million gallons per day usually jumps to 6 million gallons a day during the summer months.

Summer doesn't begin officially until June 21, but base swimming pools are already open and Bay Breeze Golf Course and yards in military family housing need plenty of water to keep grass alive.

"We're bringing a new well online this summer that will produce about 800 gallons a minute," Mr. Wall pointed out. "It will be our ninth functioning well, and we hope to add another in the next few years."

However, conservation is necessary to alleviate the strain on the base's aging water system.

Water conservation tips

Don't over-water lawns.

Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.

Minimize evaporation by watering during the early morning hours, when temperatures are cooler and winds are lighter.

Only run dishwashers and clothes washers when fully loaded.

Use a broom, rather than a hose, to clean sidewalks and driveways.

If you have a swimming pool, get a cover; it cuts evaporation water loss by 90 percent.

Repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets. Dripping faucets can waste about 2,000 gallons of water each year. Leaky toilets wastes as much as 200 gallons each day.

Don't let water run while rinsing dishes — fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.

Take a shorter shower and use a water-efficient shower head.

Check outdoor faucets, pipes, and hoses for leaks.

Purchase appliances that conserve water and energy.

Adjust lawn mowers to a higher setting. Longer grass shades root systems and holds soil moisture better than a closely clipped lawn.

Turn off water while brushing teeth, shaving, lathering hands or washing and conditioning hair.

Use a hose nozzle and turn off the water while washing cars.

"If we can pump less water on a daily basis, we can reduce the run time and the wear-and-tear on our wells," Mr. Wall explained. "Two of our functioning wells were drilled in 1941, and three more came online in the 1950s. Most wells are designed to last about 20 years, so we're fortunate that these have served us so well."

During the summer months, military family housing residents are being asked to water

their lawns only on specific days, preferably in the early morning hours. Residents of even-numbered homes may water lawns on even-numbered days, and those in odd-numbered houses water lawns on odd-numbered days.

"When we control our water consumption, we're conserving more than just water," Mr. Wall emphasized. "It takes energy to treat that water and pump it to where it's needed."

Special day for 'Old Glory'

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Tuesday is Flag Day, a national celebration of the history of the American flag and a time to remember proper etiquette for its display.

Flag Day recognizes the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States 228 years ago on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia.

A resolution was passed specifying that the flag have 13 stripes alternating between red and white, and the union have 13 white stars on a blue field representing a new constellation. Although the resolution didn't specify how the stars should be arranged, a full circle arrangement of the stars was adopted later.

On May 1, 1795, the flag was changed to 15 stars and 15 stripes. This flag stood over Fort McHenry as the British attacked during the War of 1812, Sept. 13-14, 1814. This flag, found still standing after the attack ended, inspired Francis Scott Key to compose The Star-Spangled Banner.

On April 4, 1818, Congress passed a law limiting the flag's stripes to 13 and providing for a star to be added to the blue field for each new state. This flag evolved into the flag flown over the United States today, with its last star added for Hawaii in 1960.

Flag Day was first observed in 1877, the 100th anniversary of the adoption of America's red, white and blue banner.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson established Flag Day as an annual national celebration. However, Flag Day didn't become a national observance until Aug. 3, 1949, when President Harry Truman signed a resolution denoting June 14 of each year as the official birthday of the Stars and Stripes.

As America's flag developed throughout history, so too did traditions and proper etiquette guiding the proper use and display of "Old Glory." The United States Flag Code adopted by Congress states, "The flag represents a living country and itself is considered a living thing."



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Flag Day was first observed in 1877, the 100th anniversary of the adoption of America's red, white and blue banner.

Flag display guidelines

Guidelines for proper display of the American flag:

Always hoist the flag briskly and lower it ceremoniously.

Display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. The flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if it's properly illuminated at night. Each Air Force installation is limited to one illuminated flag staff.

When displayed vertically or horizontally on a wall, the union should always be to the flag's uppermost right (the observer's left). In a window, the union should be to an outside observer's left.

When displayed over a street, the flag should be suspended vertically with the union to the north on an east-west street and to the east on a north-south street.

The flag shouldn't be displayed during inclement weather, except when an all-weather flag is used.

The flag shouldn't be displayed on a float in a parade unless from a staff.

The flag should never be displayed with the union down except as a signal of dire distress.

The flag shouldn't touch anything beneath it, such as the ground or water.

The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. Flag patches may be used on the uniforms of military personnel, firemen, policemen and members of patriotic organizations. A flag lapel pin is considered a replica and should be worn on the wearer's left lapel near the heart.

For more information, call the 81st Training Wing Protocol Office, 377-3359.



Photo by Senior Airman Shaun Emery

Airmen 1st Class Jacob Thompson, left, joins his wife Stephanie Thompson for a coffee at the Green Bean Coffee Shop in Tuskegee Town after a day of work.

Deployed Airmen celebrate 1st anniversary in Iraq

By Senior Airman Shaun Emery
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq — Two Keesler Airmen who took an oath to the Air Force and to each other celebrated their first wedding anniversary May 21 while deployed together here.

Airman 1st Class Stephanie Thompson, 332nd Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility command section administrator, and her husband, Airman 1st Class Jacob Thompson, Air Force Theater Hospital patient administration department administrator, volunteered for deployment from the 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

At a table for two at the Green Bean Coffee Shop in Tuskegee Town, the couple said how fortunate they are to share their anniversary as well as their deployed experience with each other.

"It's indescribable how happy I am he's here," said Stephanie. "Now I don't know what I would do without him."

The couple shares the same schedule and

down day, which allows them to meet after work where they can talk about their busy and sometimes stressful days.

"Talking to my wife is a lot different than a co-worker or supervisor," said Jacob. "She is someone I can trust and confide in."

In their line of work, the couple witnesses the ugliness of war. They said their deployment has been a humbling experience.

"We see a lot of patients right off the battlefield," said Stephanie. "It's difficult, but it's much easier to manage with each other around."

While being together is wonderful, Jacob and Stephanie said they've dealt with separation before. Stephanie's first duty station was Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. The couple has spent many hours traveling from Texas to Mississippi.

"Being apart when you're married is very tough," said Stephanie. "I sympathize with everyone who has a spouse back home."

Jacob and Stephanie said they're looking forward to future anniversaries, and this particular one they know they won't forget.

Keesler History 101



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Master Sgt. Lee McCarn, 81st Training Support Squadron, left, gets a Keesler history lesson from Tech. Sgt. Edward Wilson, 81st TRSS and history office curator, after the grand re-opening of Keesler's Heritage Museum May 26. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through working Fridays and admission is free. For more information, call Don May, 377-7254.

KESLER NOTES

Chapel opening

The chapel has a position open for a tithes and offering accounting technician.

Resumes and references must be submitted by 4 p.m. today.

For more information, stop by Larcher Chapel, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays or e-mail glen.crawford@keesler.af.mil or call 377-4859.

Thrift shop closed

The Keesler Thrift Shop is closed through Monday.

During June and July, consignments are accepted on Wednesdays only.

Sod, flowers available

Sod is available on a first-come, first-served basis for base housing residents, 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at the self-help store.

Flower bedding plants are available on a first-come, first-served basis for base housing residents, 8:30 a.m. June 21 at the same location.

For more information, call 377-5397.

Ice cream social

The Keesler Officers Spouses Club plans an ice cream social for members and their children, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the indoor pavilion at marina park.

Incoming and outgoing members are recognized.

For more information, call Ashley Peebles, 435-8810.

Air show booths

Squadrons interested in having a food booth at the open house in November should send a representative to a planning meeting, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the marina.

Additional meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month.

For more information, call 377-0002.

Vacation Bible School

“Serengeti Trek — Where Kids Are Wild About God” is the theme for Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to noon June 20-24 at the former chapel next to Sablich Center.

To join the leadership team or for more information, call Sheila Shepard, Protestant religious education coordinator, 377-2520.

Operation Hero

Operation Hero, a deployment orientation activity for children and spouses of members who are deployed or will deploy, is 9 a.m. to noon June 25 at the deployment facility, Building 1917.

For more information or to register, call 377-2179.

Airman’s Attic

Airman’s Attic, 800/802 Rodenberg Avenue in Bay Ridge housing area accepts furniture, appliances, area rugs and carpets, cutlery, dishware, maternity clothing and infant clothing.

All items must be clean, serviceable and ready for immediate use.

The attic is open 3-6 p.m. Fridays.

For more information, call 257-9586. If donating large items, call 229-0562.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Splash into swimming with safety in mind

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

As summer approaches, the blazing sun draws people to pools, beaches and inland rivers. Base pools opened last weekend, and tourists and residents are already flocking to south Mississippi's shorelines.

But summer fun can turn to tragedy where water is concerned. The National Safety Council reports that drownings claim about 4,800 lives each year and are the fourth leading cause of accidental death in the United States.

More than half of all drownings involve unintentional trips and falls from docks, boats, bridges and pool perimeters. These accidents often result from horseplay, the use of alcohol or drugs or a child's curiosity.

About half of all drownings in swimming pools happen on home premises. There are more than 6.5 million residential swimming pools in the United States.

Swimming accidents cause about 450 to 500 spinal injuries each year, many resulting in permanent paralysis.

Injuries are caused by diving head-first or too deep into shallow water, diving into objects or other swimmers, diving from high places and diving into water of unknown depth. About 95 percent of the injuries result from dives into water less than five feet deep.

The American Red Cross offers these safety tips:

Don't swim alone.

Obey posted warning signs.

Know first aid basics and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Don't tempt beginning swimmers into waters or situations beyond their abilities.

Never swim after drinking alcohol or using medications.

Always check the water depth.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Seven-year-old Alexys Sellers tries out her goggles while swimming at the main base pool. Her parents are Mark and Heather Sellers, 81st Communications Squadron.

Don't swim if you can't see the bottom of the pool in the deep end or if the water is cloudy.

Watch out for the dangerous "toos" — too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun and too much exercise.

Keep an eye on young swimmers.

Obey lifeguard instructions and respect their judgment.

Never fake an emergency.

Learn proper diving techniques. Always enter the water with your arms extended firmly overhead and keep your hands together to protect your head.

Don't eat or chew gum while swimming.

Wear swimming goggles only for surface swimming.

Don't rely on floating toys, air mattresses or armbands to prevent drowning.

Keep a life jacket near the pool.

Don't run or splash near pools.

Don't swim during thunderstorms.

Never swim when you're ill.

Never dive into an above-ground pool.

For more information, call the 81st Training Wing Safety Office, 377-2910.



Air Force Academy hires new basketball coach

Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Former Denver Nuggets coach Jeff Bzdelik has been named the new head coach for the Air Force Academy Falcons men’s basketball team.

He replaces Chris Mooney, who left the academy May 5 to accept the head coaching job at the University of Richmond.

“We’re very excited about having Jeff lead the men’s basketball team here at the academy,” said Hans Mueh, athletics director. “He brings a wealth of experience at the highest levels of basketball and has a proven record.

“His teams have always played like successful Air

Force teams do — hard, aggressive and with passion. Jeff is also committed to academics and has an understanding of the military and what our mission at the academy is about. He’ll be a great leader for our young people.”

Bzdelik began his coaching career in 1978 at Davidson College in North Carolina.

In 1988, he was as an assistant coach for six years with the then Washington Bullets of the National Basketball Association.

He spent his next six years as an assistant coach with the Miami Heat before moving to Denver, where he became head coach in August 2002.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Editor’s note: For more information, call Gaudé Lanes, 377-2817.

Youth bowling discount — 5-9 p.m. Thursdays. Teens bowl four hours for \$5.

Half price for Navy Seebee personnel — Tuesdays.

Father’s Day special — June 19. Kids bowl for \$1 a game, dad bowls free with free shoe rental.

Summer leagues — registrations accepted for Monday League, Thursday morning seniors, Friday mixed, Sunday Incredibles have 9-ball and base intramurals.

Birthday parties — 2-6 p.m. Saturdays. Reservations required.

Family day — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Parents pay, their children bowl the same game free.

Hurricane Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game anytime except Hurricane Alley.

Non-prior service students — show your UBU card and receive a discount for open bowling and Hurricane Alley.

Play and save cards — bowl 21 games for \$25.

Bowl-a-rama — open to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays bowl two hours for \$8.95. 4 p.m. to closing Mondays-Saturdays, all-day Sundays, bowl two hours, \$9.95.

Fitness

Editor’s note: For more information, call Blake Fitness Center, 377-4385; Dragon Fitness Center, 377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center, 377-3056.

Fitness center equipment orientations — 9 a.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Saturdays at Blake; 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Dragon; and 2 p.m. Thursdays at Triangle. No appointment necessary.

Varsity teams — players and coaches are needed for volleyball and softball. Sign up at Blake or Triangle fitness centers.

Sports physical — pediatric clinic provides physicals for students. Call TRICARE, 1-800-700-8603.

Blake Fitness Center

Aerobic workout tapes — available for free checkout and use in the facility. For more information, call 377-4409.

Dragon Fitness Center

Computerized fitness assessments and counseling — available by appointment only. Call 377-2907 or 377-4409.

Aerobics — variety of free classes offered to accommodate most fitness levels. For more information, call 377-4409.

Triangle Fitness Center

Squat, dead lift, bench press wall of fame — best lifters in each weight category gets photo on the wall of fame and free T-shirt. Competitions are 5 p.m. working Fridays.

Golf

Editor’s note: For more information, call Bay Breeze Golf Course, 377-3832.

Summer golf tournament — June 24. 11 a.m. registration and lunch, noon tee time. \$35 per person. Sign up at the pro shop.

Golf 101 — 5-6 p.m. July 5-7, for new golfers. \$20. Maximum 10 students.

Youth golf lessons — June 28-July 1, July 12-15 or July 19-22. Space is limited.

Non-prior service student special — \$15 for unlimited rounds each day, including green and cart fees and club rental.

Disks for disk golf — available for rent or purchase at outdoor recreation. For more information, call 377-3160.

Individual and group lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes.

Outdoor recreation

Editor’s note: For more information, call 377-3160 or 3186.

Father's Day special — June 19. Free rod and reel rental for dads.

Deep sea fishing trips — 7 a.m. Sundays, down Fridays. \$40.

Dinner cruise — 4-8 p.m. Saturday or June 25. \$40, including meal. Minimum four people, maximum six.

June fishing tournament — weigh in the largest ground mullet and receive a \$100 savings bond.

Fishing trips to the oil rigs — pick your day and call to reserve, \$100 per person. Maximum six people.

Boat slip rental — boats up to 20 feet \$50 per month; 20-50 feet \$2.50 per foot. Power, water included.

Pontoon boat training — test and certification necessary to rent.

Fishing trips to oil rigs — available by appointment only.

Softball

Editor’s note: All games are at the Triangle softball field number indicated.

American League

(As of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDOS	4	1
338th TRS-A	4	1
335th TRS-A	4	1
738th EIS	4	0
81st CES-A	4	0
81st SUPS-TRANS	2	3
81st CS	2	2
Firefighters	2	1
332nd TRS	1	4
81st OSF	1	4
336th TRS-B	1	4
CNATTU-A	0	4
81st DS	0	4

Monday — 5:30 p.m. 81st OSF vs. 332nd TRS, Field 1; 338th TRS vs. 335th TRS, Field 2; 6:30 p.m. 81st MDOS vs. 336th TRS-B, Field 1; CNATTU-A vs. 738th EIS, Field 2; 7:30 p.m. 81st CES-A vs. Firefighters, Field 2. 8:30 p.m. 81st SUPS-TRANS vs. 81st DS, Field 2.

Wednesday — 5:30 p.m. 81st

DS vs. CNATTU-A, Field 1; 81st DS vs. 81st SUPS-TRANS, Field 2; 6:30 p.m. Firefighters vs 81st OSF, Field 1, 332nd TRS vs. 338th TRS; 7:30 p.m. 738th EIS vs. 81st CES-A.

National League

(As of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
336th TRS-A	5	0
335th TRS-B	5	0
81st MSS-TRW-2AF	4	1
81st MSGS-A	4	1
403rd Wing	4	1
81st MDSS	3	2
333rd TRS	2	3
81st CES-B	2	3
81st TRSS	2	3
CNATTU-B	1	4
338th TRS-B	1	4
81st TRSS	1	4
AFOSI-Legal	1	4
334th TRS	1	2
81st MSGS-B	0	5

Tuesday — 5:30 p.m. 338th TRS-B vs. 336th TRS-A, Field 1; CNATTU-B vs 333rd TRS, Field 2; 6:30 p.m. 81st MDSS vs. 81st CES-B, Field 2; 335th TRS-B vs. 334th TRS, Field 1; 7:30 p.m. 81st TRSS vs. AFOSI-Legal, Field 1; 81st MSGS-B vs. 333rd TRS, Field 2; 7:30 p.m. 81st TRSS vs. AFOSI-Legal, Field 1; 81st MSGS-A vs. 403rd Wing, Field 2.

Firecracker softball tournament — July 2-3, Fields 3 and 4. Cost per team is \$150. Sponsored by Top III Association. Deadline for signup and payment is June 29. For information or to sign up, call James Schmitt, 377-5989.

Swimming

Bay Breeze pool — open daily noon to 6 p.m. Pool is closed Tuesdays.

Main pool — open daily noon to 5:30 p.m. Lap swimming is available during normal hours. Pool is closed Mondays.

Triangle pool — open daily noon to 7 p.m. Lap swimming is available 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Pool is closed Wednesdays.

Volleyball

All games are at the Blake Fitness Center.

Standings

(As of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
335th TRS	5	0
338th TRS	3	1
738th EIS	3	2
333rd TRS	2	2
334th TRS	1	4
81st MDOS	0	5

Monday — 6 p.m. 738th EIS vs. 333rd TRS; 8 p.m. 333rd TRS vs. 335th TRS.

Wednesday — 6 p.m. 81st MDOS vs. 738th EIS. 8 p.m. 338th TRS vs. 335th TRS.

Youth activities center

Youth sports program — for information on registrations for upcoming programs, call 377-4116.

Instructional classes — karate, ages 5 and older; gymnastics, ages 3 and older. For more information, call 377-4116.

DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

Keesler NCO Academy Class 05-3

81st Contracting Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Kimberley Alvarez.
81st Medical Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Monte Doyle.
81st Mission Support Group — Tech. Sgt. Chad Chapman.
81st Mission Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Robert Castine.
81st Supply Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Brian Mercer.
81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Teffanie Shaw.
81st Training Wing — Tech. Sgts. Jennifer Chandler and Richard Gorton.
81st Transportation Squadron — Carol Emling (civilian).
332nd Training Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Gregory Earp.
333rd TRS — Tech. Sgts. Eric Gibson and Michael Vest.
335th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Brian Lovell.
336th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Isaac Sharp (distinguished graduate).
338th TRS — Tech. Sgts. Ryan Craig, Troy Stephenson and Efcel Velez.
403rd Maintenance Squadron — Staff Sgt. Michael Tompkins.
738th Engineering Installation Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Timothy Orr and Ian Schairer.

Keesler NCO Academy Class 05-4

2nd Air Force — Tech. Sgts. Jeffrey Melton and Michael Ralph (John Levitow Award).
81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Eric Wilburn.
81st Contracting Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Kevin Albertson.
81st Medical Group — Tech. Sgt. Kristie Gonyea.
81st Medical Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Steven Brown and Frank Snead.
81st Medical Support Squadron — Tech. Sgts. David Boggs, Tonya Joyce, Melvin Thompson and Carol Walker.
81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Juan Chambers.
332nd Training Squadron — Tech. Sgts. Meoyskie Porter (distinguished graduate) and Kathleen Pasquini.
333rd TRS — Tech. Sgt. Clinton Shirley.
334th TRS — Tech. Sgts. Marion Fletcher (academic achievement award and distinguished graduate), Chad Gallant (distinguished graduate), Henry James II and Donald Johnson.
335th TRS — Tech. Sgts. Terry Dybdahl, Eric Jackson and Christopher Leo (distinguished graduate).
336th TRS — Tech. Sgts. Douglas Dillingham and Shannon Willingham (distinguished graduate).
338th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Regina Duncan.
403rd Maintenance Squadron — Staff Sgt. Susan Koncz.
738th Engineering Installation Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Richard Tucker (distinguished graduate).

Airman Leadership School Class 05-D

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Senior Airmen Ryan Callagy and Devin Sephus.
81st Communications Squadron — Senior Airmen Tommy Stidham and Teronica Williamson.
81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Ruth Celestine and Damian Stephenson.
81st Medical Support Squadron — Senior Airmen Kathleen Cartner (distinguished graduate) and Nathan Stafford (John Levitow Award).
81st Operations Support Flight — Senior Airman Russell Pickering.
81st Security Forces Squadron — Senior Airman Jesse Partrick (academic achievement award).
81st Training Wing — Senior Airman Alex Hunter.
81st Transportation Squadron — Senior Airmen Jeremy Bailey and Ruth Griffin.
333rd Training Squadron — Senior Airman Jennifer Swain.
334th TRS — Senior Airman Joshua Cubero (distinguished graduate).
335th TRS — Senior Airman James Rapach; Staff Sgt. Matthew Divelbiss.
366th TRS — Senior Airman Benjamin Johnson.
738th Engineering Installation Squadron — Senior Airman Bobby Jones (leadership award).
Air National Guard — Senior Airmen Calvin Bradley and David Nethken Jr., Alaska; Joseph Aranda and Frank Rendon, Arizona; James Miller, Arkansas; Sean Gerdemann, Colorado; Perry Hantzis, Mississippi; Genieve Martinez-Hernandez, Puerto Rico.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Orthodox

Holy Trinity Church (Greek Orthodox) — 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 388-6138.
St. Mary's Church (Eastern Orthodox) — 3224 D Ave., Gulfport. For more information, call 864-1568.

Jewish

Beth Israel Synagogue — 1946 Southern Avenue, Biloxi. Services 8 p.m. Fridays; an Oneg Shabbat follows each service. For more information, call 388-5574 or visit cbibiloxi@juno.com.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. Student family home evenings, 7 p.m. Mondays, Fishbowl. For more information, call 374-5627.
Biloxi Ward — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, 14928 Big Ridge Road, North Biloxi. For more information, call 435-9506.

Protestant

Sunday worship
Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.
Fishbowl student contemporary service.....10 a.m.
Larcher Chapel praise and worship service.....11:15 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....11:30 a.m.
Sunday religious education
September-May.....10 a.m.
Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-2520 or 4625.
Prayer service for peace — noon Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 377-4861.
Joy night concerts — 7 p.m. Fridays starting June 17 featuring the inspirational gospel service choir.

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass
Medical Center Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 8 a.m.
Medical Center Chapel8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel.....10 a.m.
Weekday Masses
Medical Center Chapel11:15 a.m.
Fishbowl.....Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday religious education
September-May.....8:30 a.m.
Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-4625.

Islamic

Building 2003 — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday. For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd TRS

Basic electronic principles — Airmen Basic Kykeyas Andrews, Bryan Boyd, Alexis Brown, Kiel Bryant, Joseph Donachricha, Christopher Engler, Isaac Fox, Ryan Gall, Erik Garrett, Vernon Griffith, Evan Henderson, Dustin Kline, Nathan Layel, Grant Lehmann, Michael Matticks, Ian McDevitt, Joshua Morrison, Mary-Ann Nelson, Bradley Price, Kendall Priest, Damian Quintanilla, Landon Rich, Richard Rutherford, John Shuster, Nathan Tegeler, Robert Tomlinson, Isaac Toutoungi, Justin Tyree, Raiel Wilson and Joshua Yennie; Airmen Jeffery Cunningham, Eric Kensel, Robert McAcy, Peter Miller, Andrew Potier, Michael Valdez, Joshua Williams and Jessy Wilks; Airmen 1st Class John Allison, Michael Allison, Derek Baker, Silas Boehler, Mark Charley, James Cicali, Bobby Cook, Michael Cox, Scott Everett, Joshua Fuller, Gregory Hall, George Himes, David Hinojos, David Jones, Denny Lora, Frazier Lott, Justin Melcher, Ntungwe Sobe, Jeffrey Szymanski, Gary Thomas, Jonathon

Turner, Clyde Vickery, Brian Walters, Nicholas Welder and Aaron Wells; Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Eugene Irby; Senior Airmen Jeremy Armstrong, Sean Baxter, James Beaudoin, Jason Haase, Jason Paraiso, David Pitcher, Robert Pitts, Joshua Power, Tristan Rineer, Randall Schell, Gregory Smith, Kacy Whalen and Marvin Willis; Staff Sgts. Michael Buck, Jeremy Carlson, Joshua Demenge, Earnest Donnell, Michael Farrar, Charles Glover, Timothy Jared, Lawrence Litzinger, Jeffrey Maurer, Gregory Meeuwsen, Sunny Mosier, Robert Parsons, Joel Rivera, Gonzalo Roman and Phillip Stevens; Tech. Sgts. Brian Barnette, Russell Bengry, Jason Lister and Lionel Price; Senior Master Sgt. Jung Jeong.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Matthew Brown, Patrick Clendenning, James Conner, Darren Firth, Brian Gould, Holly Lester, Karl Schuler, Chad Simko, Kenneth Stubbs, Sasha Swift, Peter Taylor, Laura Washer and James Wilson; Airmen Nicholas Babalong, Leigh Geyer, Justine Killian, Andrew Ritenour and Brandon Smith; Airmen 1st Class Hans Birnbrich, Justin Burby, Adam Crown, Thomas Crowther, James Maynard, Victor Medina, Steven Mohan, Christina Price, Bailey Schoeneck and Steven Whitt; Senior Airmen Aubrey Burroughs, Connie Chong and Jeremy Martin; Staff Sgts. Lucas Beaulieu, Brian Cepelak, Mathew Gross and Daniel Wesely; Warrant Officer 4 Themistoklis Sidiras.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airman Basic Meisha Nixon; Airman Narisar MacKenzie; Airmen 1st Class Stephen Blevins, Kimberly Harding, Timothy Redepinning and Beau Westmoreland; Senior Airmen Michael Cadore and Jeffrey Gillespie; Staff Sgts. Munguia Cavazos, Lafietta Christian, Cori Cianelli, Charles Kerr, Misty Makin, Amber Mellen, Jennifer Porter and Dale Ramirez; Tech. Sgt. Matthew Riggs.
Personnel apprentice course — Airmen 1st Class Salem Jacobsen and Sarah Tyus; Senior Airmen Kiersten Downs, Kari Fidler, Marc Flores, Tajuana Horton and Tawanda Stovall; Staff Sgts. Travis Adank, Richard Mackanos, Latasha Nelson and Kenneth Mungen; Tech. Sgts. Melanie Cherry, Kimberlie Hodge, Scott Kasmer and Elizabeth O'Conner.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Christopher Bieber, Deonta Brooks, Christopher Carter, Rennelle Conner, Dustin Ehr, Donald Evans, Trevor Finnell, Kyle Gustavson, Andrew Johnson, Deborah Johnson, Jessica Peterson, Jay Semple, Jesse Sewelson, Jessica Smialek, Charles Sullivan and David Urbinati; Navy Airman Recruit Dominick Jacobsen; Marine Pvt. Timothy Cahoon; Airman Brian Batty; Navy Airmen Apprentice Joseph Hecker, Micheal McCool, Christain Pachecovega, Jon Rossman and Jennifer Sabo; Marine Pfc. Bryan Eisele; Airmen 1st Class Nathan Fenstemaker, Laura Oswalt, Matthew Strand, and Jonathan Zimmerman; Navy Airmen Chad Geis, Thomas Gemellaro, Bryan Murray, Scott Rhead, Herson Rivera and Herman Schol; Navy Seaman Christopher Whitwell; Senior Airman Stuart Vogt; Tech. Sgts. William Acevedo, James Everhart, Craig Grant and David Humphreys; Master Sgt. Paul Higgins.

336th TRS

Communication-computer systems control training flight — Airman Basic Scott Stormer; Airmen 1st Class Robert Blood, Nicole Johnson, Michael Miller, Luis Ramirez and Brandon Wood; Staff Sgts. Thomas Dulin and Charles McKellar; Tech. Sgt. John Dempsey; Tae Kim.
Information management apprentice course — Staff Sgts. Jamie Cannon and Betty Nutt.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course — Airmen Basic Andrew Brooks, Douglas Fulmer, John Hannah; Airmen Krystina Benscoter and Matthew Petraetis; Airmen 1st Class Chrystopher Beck, Jessie Crews, Alan McCutcheon, Daniel Duncan, Jeffrey Hamlin, Christopher Murphy, Michael Phillips, Robert Spain and Jed Wilson; Senior Airmen Tyler Duncan, John Rosa and Ronald White; Staff Sgts. Christopher Dean, Robert Hathaway, Daniel Newman and Travis Tauzier.
Radar systems flight — Airman 1st Class Jason Jones; Senior Airman Theodore Donald; 2nd Lt. Andrej Gerjevic.

PROMOTIONS

2005 Air Force Personnel Center boards

July 6-21 — lieutenant colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.
July 25-29 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

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Aug. 2-12 — blocked.
Aug. 15-26 — command screening.
Sept. 12-23 — colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.
Sept. 26-30 — special selection.
Oct. 4-6 — blocked.
Oct. 11-21 — chief master sergeant evaluation.
Oct. 25-27 — Air National Guard colonel, second session.
Nov. 14-18 — colonel, lieutenant colonel and major MC, DC.
Dec. 5-16 — major line, CHAP, JAG, BSC, MSC.

TRICARE

Beneficiary services — active duty and dependents enroll at Keesler Medical Center, Room 4B-107, 377-9962. To enroll in TRICARE Prime, retirees and their dependents call 1-800-444-5445 or visit the TRICARE Service Center, 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650.

Claims services — 1-800-403-3950.

“Urgent” after hours primary care manager access — 1-877-794-4629.

Health benefits/beneficiary counseling, debt collection assistance — call Carolyn James, 377-6580, or Linda Davis, 377-6001. Ms. James is in Room 4B-106 and Ms. Davis is in Room 4B-105 in Keesler Medical Center.

Education center for women — in women’s health services at Keesler Medical Center, offers educational tools for women’s health issues. TV/VCR, interactive touch screen computer and multimedia computer connected to the Internet are available for personal viewing; videos may be viewed in the clinic or checked out for home use. Walk-ins welcome. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603. For more information, call 377-6920 or 6921.

Keesler Medical Center clinic hours — family practice, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Urgent care, pediatric clinic hours, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

On the Web — Keesler Medical Center’s Web site is <http://www.keesler.af.mil/81mdg>. For TRICARE information, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>. For Region South information, visit the Humana Military Healthcare Services Web site, <http://www.humana-military.com>.

TRICARE Service Center — 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 05-E — graduation July 18.

First Term Airmen Center

Class 05-12 — graduation June 16.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 05-5 — graduation July 4.

Chapel

Book of Romans adult Bible study — 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call Chaplain (1st Lt.) Winston Jones, 377-2761.

Keesler Medical Center

Shaving clinic — pseudofolliculitis evaluations 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays.

Allergy/immunization clinic — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays. For more information, call 377-6543.

International travel clinic — weekly appointments available; schedule at least three weeks before a planned trip. Travelers should provide a list of destinations when they book an appointment and bring their immunization record to the appointment. For appointment, call Pat Baugh, 377-6166.

McBride Library

Orientations for commanders, first sergeants and instructors — 6 p.m. Wednesday and June 22 and 29.

Story time — 10 a.m. Wednesday and June 22 and 27, ages 2-6.

Vacation time — new travel guides on display; books on compact disk available for checkout.

Library services — free Internet use. Copies 10 cents a page, copy machines 5 cents a page. Fax first page \$3, each additional page \$2. Local and incoming faxes, 50 cents a page.

Orientations and volunteer work — for more information, call 377-2181.

Arts and crafts center

Beading — intermediate, Saturday, \$25 per person per class, plus \$15-\$20 supply kit. Advanced, June 18 and 25; \$30 plus a \$15-\$20 supply kit. For class times, call 377-2821.

One-stroke beginner painting — 1-3 p.m. June 18. \$40 including supplies.

One-stroke project class — 1-3 p.m. June 18. \$25. One-stroke beginner painting is prerequisite.

Ceramic pouring — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. \$20 including supplies.

Ceramic painting — 10 a.m. Saturday, cattails and dragonflies plate; \$30 including most supplies. 10 a.m. June 25, American flag plate; \$20 including most supplies.

Free brushstroke class — 5 p.m. Tuesday. Purchase your own greenware to attend.

Beginners cross stitch — 6 p.m. Tuesday. \$10.

Rubber-stamped card-making — 6 p.m. June 21. \$10.

Ceramic painting technique — sign ups are ongoing; minimum five students. For more information, call 377-2821.

Advanced matting — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 17. \$20 including supplies. Beginning framing class is prerequisite.

Three-dimensional decoupage kits — 1 p.m. June 25. \$5 plus \$5-\$15 for a kit.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 5-7 p.m. Friday or June 24. \$15 including supplies and tool use; maximum three students.

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday or June 25. \$20 including supplies and tool use; maximum three students.

Beginners auto care — 6 p.m. Wednesday, brakes. \$5; minimum five students.

Teen ceramics — 10 a.m. to noon June 18, ages 14 and older. \$10 including supplies.

Parent and me project — 10 a.m. to noon June 18, ages 4 and older. \$10 including supplies; second child \$5.

Youth summer craft camp — 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for seven more weeks. \$20 week.

Woodshop special — build something for Father’s Day and receive two hours of free shop use.

Auto shop — air conditioning checks available; shop closed June 19.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Transition assistance three-day workshop — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 11-13, Aug. 8-10, Sept. 12-14, Oct. 3-5, Nov. 7-9 and Dec. 5-7, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Retirement and veterans briefing — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592.

PALACE Chase information briefings — 10 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month, Room 216, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tony Woods, 377-7116.

Employment assistance

Employment Network Center — 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3:45 a.m. working Fridays, Room 126, Sablich Center. National and local job search information and Internet computer access for active-duty and military family members, free e-mail service, fax service and computers and laser printers to complete resumes and federal job applications. For more information, visit Room 126, Sablich Center, or call 377-8593 or 8592.

Health care professionals — needed by the Air Force Reserve. Critical Air Force Specialty Codes available in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida units are 44M3, 44Y3, 46F3, 46P3, 47G3, and 48R3. Some may be eligible for signing bonus or loan repayment. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. George Adams, health professions recruiter, 377-8332, or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil.

Job fair — Advanced Technology Services conducts a job fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, Sablich Center. Positions available for calibration metrology technicians, diesel test technicians, electrical manufacturing maintenance technicians, electro-mechanical repair specialists, fuel systems technicians, maintenance specialists/program engineer, mechanical manufacturing maintenance technician and motor component level repair. Participation is by appointment. If interested, e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil and include full name, rank, home town, skills/experience/accomplishments, whether you’re interested in a personal interview and date preferred, and a contact phone number. For more information, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592, or Steve McDaniel, 377-8591.

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DINING FACILITIES MENUS

Today

Lunch — roast pork loin, cornbread, jaegerschnitzel veal with mushroom sauce, glazed cornish hen, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Dinner — herb baked chicken, cornbread, stuffed cabbage rolls, fried catfish, blackeyed peas and rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, baked sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Friday

Lunch — lasagna, spaghetti and meat sauce, Italian sweet sausage, garlic toast, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli polonaise, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, pasta salad, three-bean salad, cornbread, clam chowder, vegetable soup, chicken chili, corn O’Brien, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — Mexican baked chicken, Swiss steak, garlic toast, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, garlic toast, steamed rice, gravy, corn on the cob, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — fish almonidine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Dinner — crispy baked chicken, cajun meatloaf, ribeye steak, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, French peas, glazed carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Sunday

Lunch — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, spinach lasagna, orange rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, lima beans, corn O’Brien, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — tuna and noodles, sauerbraten, chicken breast filet parmesan, au gratin potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, peas, fried cabbage, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — roast turkey, baked ham, raisin sauce, fish and fries, cornbread, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, succotash, tempura vegetables, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — Swiss steak, baked chicken, baked Italian sweet sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, cornbread, broccoli polanaise, carrots, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Tuesday

Lunch — paprika beef, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, O’Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, spinach salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Dinner — onion lemon baked fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and spaghetti, garlic toast, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, waldorf salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup and steak and cheese subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, jalapeno corn bread, beef fajitas, Mexican pork chops, refried beans, Mexican corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, coleslaw, cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — Caribbean jerk chicken, beef porcupines, chicken enchiladas, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, corn, peas, baked beans, cole slaw, cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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Web sites

Defense Manpower Data Center — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray — <http://www.blue.togray.com>.

Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.

Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

Department of Veterans Affairs — <http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

New military spouse career center — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including jobs from public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

America’s Job Bank — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.

Computer use

Government computers — commanders may authorize their use for the preparation of personal resumes by people separating or retiring from the service on an “as available” basis as long as use of the equipment for the purpose doesn’t adversely affect the mission.

Transition employment opportunities public folder — go to e-mail “public folders” and click on “transition employment opportunities” for job opportunities for active duty and family members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Keesler Community Center

Adult and youth guitar lessons — half-hour lessons 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursday; \$55 month. For appointment, call 377-3308.

Weight Watchers — 5:45 p.m. Thursdays; weigh-in 5:15 p.m.

Coloring contest — pick up a coloring/activity sheet; submit entry no later than 4 p.m. June 16.

Vandenberg Community Center

Eight-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays

Nine-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

CyberSport — Internet gaming 3-10 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. For more information on weekend hours and free lessons, call 377-4519.

Late night dance and DJ — 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. \$3. People with birthdays in June show their identification card and get in free third Friday of the month.

KIRT

Keesler Integrated Resource Team members serve the community needs of military personnel and families. Member agencies support mission readiness and provide preventive or intervention services to promote mental and spiritual growth, physical health, and strong military members and their families.

KIRT members are:

Life skills enhancement center — 377-6216, comment line 377-6780.

Family support center — 377-2179.

Family advocacy — 377-7006.

Family member program — 377-3077.

Health and wellness center — 377-5305.

403rd Wing — 377-3277.

Chapel — Larcher, 377-4859; Keesler Medical Center, 377-6337; Triangle, 377-2520, and Fishbowl Student Center, 377-2331.

Classes, seminars

Tobacco cessation class — next class starts Aug. 3.

Stress management — 4 p.m. June 21, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.

Healthy cooking demonstration — noon June 30, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.

Sensible weigh — four-week class, 11 a.m. Thursdays starting today, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.

Youth activities center

Friday teen night — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 13-18. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events. Register by Wednesday each week.

Preteen night — 5:30-9 p.m. Saturdays, ages 6-12. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events. Register by Wednesday each week.

Free home alone course — 6-7 p.m. today for ages 10 and older. Child must be accompanied by parent.

Summer camps — TRAIL leadership camp, Monday through June 17, ages 13-17, \$15. Archery, 2-4 p.m. June 20-24, ages 8-15, \$15. Basketball, 2-4 p.m. June 27-30, ages 5-12, \$15.

Karate — 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, ages 6 and older. \$30.

Gymnastics — Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3 and older. \$30 per month. Call for times and age groups.

Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone Club — 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17.

Keesler Club

Editor’s note: Dining is open to all ranks.

Poor man’s night buffet — 5:30-8 p.m. June 16. Children’s entertainment, door prizes.

Father’s Day brunch — June 19 featuring prime rib. Seatings 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations recommended; call 377-2719.

Lunch buffet — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays except holidays. Specials include Mongolian barbecue Mondays, ribs Tuesday, ethnic Wednesdays, catfish the last working day of week.

Wednesday night special — 4:30 p.m. until they’re gone, free wings and things for club members; \$3 nonmembers. Drink specials and progressive pot cash giveaway for members.

Enlisted Warrior Lounge

NASCAR race watch parties (all ranks) — Sunday and June 19 and 26. Call for times. Food and drink specials, prize giveaways. Club members register to win trip for two to a major NASCAR event.

Summer bash (all ranks) — 5 p.m.-till Saturday. Cookout, music and games.

Family summer bash (all ranks) — 5-9 p.m. June 25, Keesler Community Center. Food, games for adults and children, prizes. 9 p.m.-till, music for adults only.

Hot dogs — \$1 Mondays through Saturdays.

Pinochle (all ranks) — 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Eight- and nine-ball pool tournaments — 6 p.m. Thursdays. Tacos three for \$2; drink specials.

Karaoke night — 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and June 24.

Latino night — June 17. 7-8 p.m. dance lessons; 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Disk jockey; drink specials.

Rhythm and blues night — 9 p.m. this Friday and Saturdays.

Urban nights — 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

Snack and drink specials — 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Progressive pot cash giveaway Wednesdays for members.

TICKETS AND TRAVEL

Pensacola Beach, Fla. — June 17. \$20 including round trip transportation. Sign up and prepay no later than Wednesday.

New Orleans school of cooking — July 15. \$45 including admission, meal and transportation. Sign up by July 8.

French Quarter ghosts and legends trip — July 16. \$40 including admission and transportation. Sign up by July 8.

MEETINGS

Recurring

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.

Air Force Association, Chapter 332 — 11:30 a.m. second Wednesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call or email Kirt Quist, 326-4775, kirt@financialgroupusa.com, or e-mail Paul Deitke, pdeitke@member.afa.org.

Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 652 — 11 a.m. third Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-9444.

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Thursday of each month. For location and more information, call Timlie Reis, 396-5872.

Alcoholics Anonymous — 8 p.m. Thursdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 396-0823.

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SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:04	:34 Smith Manor
:07	:37 Cody, Dolan and Thomson Hall
:08	:38 Supply
:09	:39 Shoppette
:10	:40 Shaw House
:11	:41 Main exchange
:12	:42 McBride Library
:13	:43 Medical center, Tyer House
:14	:44 Sablich Center
:15	:45 Dental clinic
:16	:46 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:17	:47 Base operations
:18	:48 Hangar 4
:19	:49 Thomson Hall

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. off-Fridays, weekends, holidays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:02	:32 Shoppette
:04	:34 White Avenue Gate
:05	:35 Shaw House
:06	:36 Main exchange
:07	:37 Keesler Federal Credit Union
:08	:38 Medical center, Tyer House
:09	:39 Sablich Center
:10	:40 Dental clinic
:13	:43 Marina park
:14	:44 Bay Breeze Golf Course
:15	:45 Pass Road Gate
:17	:47 Welch Auditorium
:18	:48 338th TRS, Building 6965

Technical training route 5:10-5:30 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Shaw House
:12	Muse Manor
As required	Tyer House
:14	TLQ east side 2000 block
:16	TLQ east side of Locker House
:17	332nd TRS
:18	335th TRS
:20	Welch Auditorium
:26	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:27	McClelland Hall
:28	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:30	Stennis Hall/Weather

Prior-service students lodged off-base

Allow four-minute window for times; lobby area pickup.

To Keesler via Highway 90: 5:15 a.m. and 1:25 p.m., Comfort Suites, Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn; 5:18 a.m. and 1:28 p.m., Howard Johnson Express and Best Western Swan; 5:21 a.m. and 1:35 p.m., Ramada Limited; 5:25 a.m., Edgewater Inn; 5:32 a.m. and 1:50 p.m., Biloxi Beachfront and Holiday Inn Express.

To Keesler from north of base: 5 a.m. and 1 p.m., Martinique; 5:01 a.m. and 1:04 p.m., South Palm Villas; 5:06-5:10 a.m. and 1:10-1:16 p.m., Ocean Springs Days Inn, Howard Johnson, Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn; 5:11-5:16 a.m. and 1:20-1:31 p.m., Ocean Springs Country Inn and Suites, Ramada Limited, Best Western and Comfort Inn; 5:18-5:22 a.m. and 1:41-1:47 p.m., D’Iberville Wingate Inn, Quality Inn and Travelodge; 5:25-5:35 a.m. and 1:53-1:56 p.m., D’Iberville Howard Johnson and Suburban Lodge.

Back to off-base lodging: 3:30, 4:30 and 6:15 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard halls; 3:33, 4:33 and 6:18 p.m., Thomson Hall stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan halls; 3:36, 4:36 and 6:21 p.m., McClelland Hall; 3:38, 4:38 and 6:23 p.m., behind Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather building and Allee, Wolfe and Stennis halls; 3:41, 4:41 and 6:26 p.m., stop between base exchange and McBride Library.

Duty passengers have priority over “space available” riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged or have excess baggage, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430.

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Amateur radio club — 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, second floor, Hangar 3, next to the Civil Air Patrol. For more information, call Staff. Sgt. Brad Godwin, 377-0341 or 875-3223, or Staff Sgt. Tony Tran, 377-1200 or 396-4547.

American Federation of Government Employees Local 2670 — 11:30-1 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Helene Almond, 377-6850 or 4518.

Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Committee — 3 p.m. first Wednesday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. John Dianala, 377-6154, or Larry McKean, 377-3252.

AWANA — 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sundays August through May at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets, for pre-school through high school students. For more information, call Tasarla Shaw, 377-2520.

Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Flo Clay, 377-8681.

Boy Scout Troop 253 — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Building 0007, Thrower Park. For more information, go to <http://www.geocities.com/biloxi253/> or call Louie Fontes, 377-1519 or 392-0646.

Breast cancer support group — 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month, general surgery clinic. For more information, call 377-3454.

Breastfeeding support group — for more information, call Jodi Qualters, 872-9190.

Cancer support group — 6 p.m. second Tuesday each month, medical procedures clinic lounge. For more information, call 377-6588.

Chapel ropes — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fishbowl Student Center. for more information, call 377-2331.

Charismatic intercessory prayer service — 5:15-6 p.m. Wednesdays at former chapel at corner of H and 2nd streets.

Christian men's fellowship luncheon — noon Tuesdays, Triangle Chapel. Bring lunch. For more information, call 377-2520.

Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more infor-

mation, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

Company grade officers council — 4 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Capts. Branin Klausman, 377-4045, or Jeffrey Burns, 377-0663, or visit <https://wwwmil.keesler.af.mil/CGOC/index.htm>.

Cub Scout Pack 214 — for information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

Cub Scout Pack 281 — 6:30 p.m. first, second and fourth Thursday of each month, Triangle Chapel Annex. For more information, call 1st Lt. Garon Shelton, 377-2046; Norma Cusanek, 432-3160, or Chad Taylor, 594-0877.

Dorm council — 7 a.m. first Wednesday of each month, Live Oak dining facility. For more information, call 377-6158 or 6680.

Girl Scout Troop 148 — 6 p.m. Mondays, former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call Kimberly Ramirez, 374-7426.

Hispanic Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-2985 or 216-0569; Carlos Puig, 385-2985, or Dee McKaig, 432-1090.

Hispanic Employment Committee — 4 p.m. second Wednesday of each month, family child care building, Thrower Park. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-3426 or 216-0569.

Keesler Officers Spouses Club — for more information, call Michelle Harper, 872-5791; Amanda Letonoff, 432-8626, or Patty Stiles, 392-8582.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, September through May, former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Open to all military home educators. For more information, call Vicky Walton, 436-6408, or e-mail chajanding@aol.com.

Keesler Riders Association — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Keesler Community Center, for motorcyclists. For more information, call Gerald Gardner, 377-2386, or Tech. Sgt. Joanna Ball, 377-2430 or 2432.

Medical center officers spouses club — for more information, call Stephanie Ritter, 374-2464, or Belinda Manuel, 432-7734.

Multiples support group — For more information, call Sue Burleson, 865-1375.

Order of Daedalians — 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month, Daedalian Room, Keesler Club.

Play group — 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays, youth activities center, infants through 4 years. For more information, call 377-7006.

Prayer warriors network — 6 a.m. Mondays, Triangle Chapel.

Protestant youth group — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Jeremy Allen, 377-2520.

Retired Enlisted Association, Magnolia Chapter — 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 374-5922.

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Anthony Thomas, 377-8628.

Toastmasters — noon Tuesdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Capt. Ronnie Michael, 377-7395; or Michael Bayne, 872-9359.

Top III Association — 2 p.m. first working Friday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Damian Orslene, 377-9464; Master Sgt. Stephen Marrotte, 377-2052; Senior Master Sgt. Marnice Anthony, 377- 5752; Master Sgt. Rudolfo Frescas, 377-2142; or Master Sgt. Richard Phillips, 377-5249.

Weight Watchers — Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. Weigh-in starts at 5:15 p.m., meeting at 5:45. For more information, call Debbie Wilson, 831-8772, or e-mail debbie_weightwatchers@yahoo.com

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Movies

Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.

Today — 7 p.m., A Lot Like Love (PG-13).

Friday — 7 p.m., Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (PG).

Saturday — 2 p.m., A Lot Like Love (PG-13); 7 p.m., The Interpreter (PG-13); 9:30 p.m., Amityville Horror (R).

Sunday — 2 p.m., The Interpreter (PG-13).